

PROCEEDINGS IN CONGRESS.

The Anti-Foreign Contract Labor Bill
Passes the Senate by a Large
Majority.

The River and Harbor Bill Con-
sidered by Committee of the
Whole in the House.

Forty-Eighth Congress.

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—At 11 o'clock the only session in the chamber was Mr. Edmunds, who promptly at that hour entered with the chairman. Mr. Edmunds, observing the situation, abstained from taking the chair, and he and the chairman took seats on the floor. After a few minutes delay Mr. Morrill came in, and with his advent two or three others, and the day's proceedings were so far begun as that the chairman offered prayer. This done the few Senators present indulged themselves in eloquent silence, which was finally broken by Mr. Morrill, who moved a call of the Senate. The call began with four Senators and concluded with sixteen. That not being a quorum the names of the absentees were called. This brought ten more, but that being thirteen short of a quorum matters came to a stop.

Mr. Conger inquired whether it was safe to proceed with the reading of the Journal of yesterday.

The Chair said "No."

Mr. Conger remarked that he was not an "alarmist," and had only inquired for information.

Mr. Hale asked that unanimous consent be given to dispense with the reading, but the Chair declined to entertain the proposition.

The call having shown the absence of a quorum, after some further waiting, Mr. Miller, of New York, entered and said: "Mr. President," The Chair recognized the Senator from New York. Then Mr. Miller gravely remarked, "No, No."

Mr. Gibson was similarly recognized, and with equal gravity announced the condition of his mind to be "No." [Laughter renewed.]

At 11:20 the Chair announced a quorum present, and the Journal was read and the morning business proceeded with.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported an original bill to enable the President to negotiate for the purchase from the Creek, Seminole and Cherokee Nations of Indians, their remaining interest in the so-called Oklahoma lands.

The bill provides, among other things, that any person, who, without authority of law, enters these lands, shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both, for the first offense, and be fined \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than two years for each subsequent offense. It also authorizes the seizure of outfits of such persons.

The Des Moines River Valley Settlers' Titles bill was then taken up, and Mr. Lapham continued his effort to talk it to death.

Mr. Lapham's remarks were interrupted by the regular order, the anti-foreign contract labor bill.

Mr. Butler said he had heard so much froth about the protection of American labor that he was becoming nauseated. How much meat or fuel or protection from the weather would the Labor Bureau give the American laborer? We were patting that laborer on the head because some "Knight of Labor" had petitioned Congress for something when labor asked for bread we gave them, as in this bill, a stone.

Mr. Fairbanks—a scorpion.

Mr. Butler—Even a scorpion.

An amendment offered by Mr. Plumb was agreed to excepting professional artists from the provisions of the bill.

Mr. Lapham offered an amendment providing that the whole penalty recovered shall be paid into the United States Treasury instead of, as by the bill, permitting one-half of the penalty to go to the person who may first bring the suit.

The amendment was agreed to, notwithstanding energetic attempts by Mr. Blair to explain that it would seriously impair the efficiency of the bill. The debate not being according to the understanding, Mr. Blair complained it should not be indulged in by the opponents of the bill, if they were not willing to permit debate by their friends.

Mr. Blair then offered an amendment, making it the duty of the United States District Attorney of the proper district to prosecute at the expense of the United States in every case violating the act. Agreed to—yeas, 42; nays, 15.

The amendments in committee of the whole being completed, and the bill reported to the Senate, Mr. Hawley moved it be referred to the Committee of the Judiciary, with instructions to report not later than the 26th inst., the bill that would more effectively reach the ends really aimed at. Agreed—yeas, 15; nays, 41.

The bill was then passed—yeas, 50; nays, 21.

The following is the vote in detail:

Yeas—Aldrich, Allison, Blair, Bowen, Brown, Call, Cameron, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chase, Conger, Cullom, Dawes, Delph, Fair, Fane, George, Gilliam, Gorman, Hale, Harris, Harrison, Ingalls, Jackson, Jones, Jones of Nevada, Keena, Lamar, Lapham, McMillan, McPherson, Mahone, Miller of California, Miller of New York, Mitchell, Morrill, Palmer, Pike, Platt, Plumb, Pugh, Ransom, Sablin, Sawyer, Sewell, Sherman, Van Wyck, Vest, Voorhees, Walker and Wilson—50.

Nays—Bulter, Groome, Hampton, Hawley, Maxey, Morgan, Saulsbury, Vance and Williams—21.

Credentialed the election of Mr. Vance were then presented by Mr. Ransom.

Mr. Palmer introduced a bill to set aside a part of the unsurveyed marsh lands at the mouth of the St. Clair River, known as the St. Clair Flats, as a hunting and fishing preserve for the people of the United States. Referred.

The Senate then went into executive session.

When the doors were reopened the Senate adjourned.

The House.

Upon reconvening this morning, in continuation of the session of yesterday, a conference report upon the District of Columbia appropriation bill was agreed to. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the River and Harbor bill, a half hour being given to the opponents of the measure. The committee then arose, the House adjourned, and the session of today began.

Mr. Rice, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a joint resolution requesting the President to provide a new commission to pass upon the Venezuelan claims. Hence calendar.

Then the River and Harbor bill was again considered by the Committee of the Whole.

The pending amendment, which was offered as a substitute for the entire paragraph relative to Galveston harbor, was adopted. It appropriates \$300,000 for the improvement of Galveston harbor and directs the Harbor Board to proceed at once to examine plans,

specifications and estimates for the improvement and report to the Secretary of War for his approval.

Mr. Holman offered an amendment prohibiting the expenditure of any of this appropriation until the Galveston Wharf Company, the City Land Company, and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad Company shall have constructed a pile breakwater on the north side of the channel. Lost.

A few moments later Mr. Ochiltree rose to a question of privilege. When Mr. Holman had offered his amendment he had gone to that gentleman and requested the name of the gentleman who had given him information, upon which he had based his proposition.

Mr. Holman replied he was a man by the name of Robert Alexander, who had formerly been a resident of Galveston. He (Ochiltree) had used language that Alexander was a man who had left the country for his country's good; Alexander was at the head of an infamous lobby scheme, who came here and attempted to dictate.

Here Mr. Foster interrupted with the point of order that the gentleman was not stating a question of privilege.

Mr. Ochiltree—I want to make statement which I can substantiate. Here is a lobby here.

The Chairman—The gentleman is out of order.

Mr. Ochiltree—That man (Alexander) attacked me in the corridor of the Capitol, and told me in a threatening manner that he intended to meet me again for what I had said.

A Voice—Let him meet you [laughter]

I want to state further, Mr. Ochiltree went on, that I am utterly indifferent as to being myself on the ground that I am entitled to protection as a member of the House, I am willing to meet him or any one else.

[Laughter and applause.]

Mr. Holman said he had offered his amendment at the request of a gentleman who seemed well informed upon the subject, and whose name, he believed, was Alexander. The proposition was fair upon its face, and he (Holman) felt it his duty to submit it to the committee.

Mr. Ochiltree—Nobody impugns your motive. Nothing is farther from my thought than to have the most distinguished appreciation for the gentleman from Indiana.

On motion of Mr. Price the amendment was adopted increasing from \$12,500 to \$18,000 the appropriation for the harbor at Superior Bay and the harbor at St. Louis Bay, Wisconsin.

A large number of amendments were offered, but with one or two unimportant exceptions, were voted down.

On motion of Mr. Stockslager an amendment was adopted authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Louisville and Portland Canal in the city of Louisville.

Pending further action the committee rose, and took a recess until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Down the Chute.

New York, Feb. 18.—Edwin Ryland, the well known forger and check raiser, pleaded guilty to-day and was sentenced to the State Prison for five years. His young wife, Elsie, who assisted him in his operations, is now serving a two and a half years' sentence.

Gone Off With Much Money.

PORTLAND, Oregon, Feb. 18.—James Gilliland, clerk of the Washington Territory District Court, has gone to British Columbia, taking with him nearly \$10,000. He has lived many years in the Territory, and has heretofore borne an excellent reputation.

A Street Car Warfare.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A "no seat no fare" organization has been formed on the North Side, and proposes to begin operations on the street cars March 1. The company will take measures to defeat their purposes.

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Obituary.

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Madame Charlotte H. Sainton Dolby, an eminent contralto singer, is dead. She was born in London in 1821.

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